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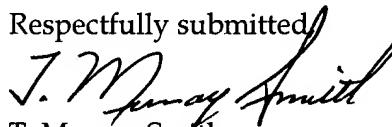
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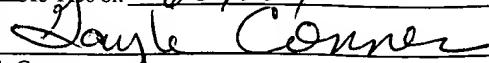

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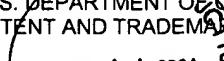
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	AG	EP 1049325 A2	11/02/2000	Heinrich-Hertz-Institut für Nachrichtentechnik Berlin GmbH	No (but English abstract is attached)

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